

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (*Currently Amended*) Built-in ashtray for a motor vehicle, having a housing ~~which has~~ having a guide ~~by means of~~ via which an ashtray is displaceably moveable in a drawer-type manner ~~disposed~~ in the housing into ~~an open position~~, and having a holder for a cigarette lighter ~~which that~~ is mounted on the ashtray so that it can be moved into an operative position projecting upward from the ashtray, the built-in ashtray having a driving device ~~which that~~ moves the holder during the displacement of the ashtray out of the housing upward into the operative position upward and~~[,]~~downward during the displacement into the housing~~[,]~~in a ~~downward manner~~, and ~~in that, a spring operatively arranged~~ between the housing and a rearward area of the ashtray~~[,]~~a spring is arranged ~~which changes such that~~ the ashtray is changed after the release of the locking from a moved-in closed position into a moved-out operative position,

wherein the spring ~~has a progressive characteristic spring curve is configured~~ such that ~~the a~~ spring force~~[,]~~ ~~which that~~ acts upon the ashtray in its moved-out operative position and presses the ashtray ~~toward the outside, out of the housing~~ is greater than ~~the an~~ oppositely directed force

component of ~~the~~an operating force acting in ~~the~~a plane of the spring force during ~~the~~ inserting or operating of the cigarette lighter.

2. (*Currently Amended*) Built-in ashtray according to Claim 1, wherein the spring force ~~acting upon the ashtray~~ is initially greater ~~out of an~~ operative ~~during movement of the ashtray into the opening~~ position than during the subsequent movement of the ashtray into the closed position.

3. (*Currently Amended*) Built-in ashtray according to Claim 1, wherein the spring is formed by a band-type flat coil spring made of a thin spring band, an end-side holding section of the band-type flat coil spring being fastened to a lower housing wall, whereas a rolled-together area with windings ~~facing away~~ spaced from the holding section is supported ~~on~~in a rearward-side cage-type receiving device of the ashtray.

4. (*Currently Amended*) Built-in ashtray according to Claim 3, wherein the area of the band-type flat coil spring ~~facing at~~ the end-side holding section is ~~curved more, that is,~~ has a smaller bending radius[[],] than the area of a following portion of the band-type flat coil spring ~~which follows~~.

5. (*Currently Amended*) Built-in ashtray according to Claim 3, wherein the area of the band-type flat coil spring ~~facing away~~ spaced from the end-side holding section is provided with at least one punched-out section.

6. (*Currently Amended*) Astray—Ashtray assembly for a passenger vehicle, comprising:

an ashtray housing,

an ashtray displaceable in said housing between a closed and open position,

a cigarette lighter holder carried by the ashtray and movable to a downward ~~in-operative~~ inoperative position when said ashtray is closed and to an upward operative position when said astray is open, and

a spring disposed between the housing and ashtray and operable to assist movement of the ashtray toward the open position,

wherein the spring ~~has a progressive characteristic spring curve~~ is configured such that ~~the~~ a spring force~~[[,]]~~ which ~~that~~ acts upon the ashtray in its moved-out operative position and presses the ashtray ~~toward the outside~~ outwardly of the housing, is greater than ~~the~~ an oppositely directed force component of ~~the~~ an operating force acting in ~~the~~ a plane of the spring force during ~~the~~ inserting or operating of the cigarette lighter.

7. *(Currently Amended)* Ashtray assembly according to Claim 6, wherein the spring force ~~acting upon the ashtray~~ is initially greater ~~out of an operative~~ ~~during movement of the ashtray into the open~~ position than during the subsequent movement of the ashtray into the closed position.

8. *(Currently Amended)* Ashtray assembly according to claim 1, wherein the spring is formed by a band-type flat coil spring made of a thin spring band, an end-side holding section of the band-type flat coil spring being fastened to a lower housing wall, whereas a rolled-together area with windings ~~facing away~~ spaced from the holding section is supported ~~on~~ in a rearward-side cage-type receiving device of the ashtray.

9. *(Currently Amended)* Ashtray assembly according to Claim 8, wherein the area of the band-type flat coil spring ~~facing at~~ the end-side holding section ~~is curved more, that is,~~ has a smaller bending radius[[],] than the area of the band-type flat coil spring which follows.

10. *(Currently Amended)* Ashtray assembly according to Claim [[10]]8, wherein the area of the band-type flat coil spring ~~facing away~~ spaced from the end-side holding section is provided with at least one punched-out section.

11. (*Canceled*)

12. (*Currently Amended*) A spring according to Claim 11 for assisting movement of a vehicle ashtray from a closed position to an open position, said ashtray being movable in a housing and carrying a cigarette lighter which is movable with respect to the ashtray between a downward inoperative position and an upward operative position,

wherein the spring is configured such that a spring force that acts upon the ashtray in its moved-out operative position and presses the ashtray out of the housing is greater than an oppositely directed force component of an operating force acting in a plane of the spring force during inserting or operating of the cigarette lighter, wherein the spring force acting upon the ashtray is initially greater out of an operative position during movement of the ashtray out of the housing than during the subsequent movement of the ashtray into the closed position.

13. (*Currently Amended*) A spring according to Claim [[11]]12, wherein the spring is formed by a band-type flat coil spring made of a thin spring band, an end-side holding section of the band-type flat coil spring being fastened to a lower housing wall, whereas a rolled-together area with windings facing away spaced from the holding section is supported on in a rearward-side cage-type receiving device of the ashtray.

14. *(Currently Amended)* A spring according to Claim 13, wherein the area of the band-type flat coil spring facing at the end-side holding section ~~is curved more to have has~~ a smaller bending radius[[,]] than the area of a following portion of the band-type flat coil spring ~~which follows~~.

15. *(Currently Amended)* A spring according to Claim 13, wherein the area of the band-type flat coil spring facing away spaced from the end-side holding section is provided with at least one punched-out section.

16 – 17. *(Canceled)*